

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Great Lakes Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

80462

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/28/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/28/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

EPA Deputy Administrator Approval memo dated February 13, 2012

13. Effective Date

02/13/2012

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)

\$0.00 \$0.00

18d. Total

\$0.00 \$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) supports the EPA in achieving the restoration and protection goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) included in Public Law 111-88, the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, and subsequent appropriations, and the United States – Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The Great Lakes is a vast, shared resource and protecting and restoring them requires the collective ideas and experience of the Great Lakes community. The GLAB provides a forum where EPA can have the full benefit of the ideas and experience of both government and non-governmental partners. The GLAB's objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on Great Lakes protection and restoration policy; long term goals and objectives for Great Lakes protection and restoration; annual priorities to protect and restore the Great Lakes that may be used to help inform budget decisions; and issues addressed by the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The GLAB will be composed of approximately 15 members who will serve as representative members, Regular Government Employees (RGEs), or Special Government Employees (SGEs). In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from a broad range of interests relating to the Great Lakes, including but not limited to, environmental groups, business, agricultural groups, citizens' groups, academia, and state, local and tribal governments. GLAB is currently in the process of appointing new members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

In FY 18, the GLAB was inactive (0 meetings) following the departure of the DFO, but is under re-establishment given the expiration of the charter dated June 2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The EPA Administrator is the chair of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force of federal agencies implementing the GLRI. The GLRI is guided by an action plan that has been broadly endorsed by the Great Lakes states, cities, tribes, conservation groups and industry. The GLAB is composed of a cross-section of stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and areas of interest relating to the Great Lakes. The GLAB is necessary because it provides EPA with the collective recommendations of state and local governments, tribes and other Great Lakes interests to more effectively carry out Great

Lakes restoration. There are no other existing EPA advisory committees that have a mission to advise on protecting and restoring the Great Lakes. Likewise, existing committees do not have the breadth of experience that is needed to inform the Agency on Great Lakes environmental issues from various viewpoints. Bringing together a cross-section of individuals with the needed range of experience and perspectives will facilitate a more effective discussion of the technical issues and policy options that will support adequate evaluation of, and input into, EPA positions and actions.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Members are Tier 1 (parent committee members) or Tier 2 (subcommittee) members. In some cases, a member may be both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Designated Federal Officer

Edlynzia Barnes Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cole, Steve	02/11/2016	01/31/2019	Tier 2, Chief Information Officer, Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor, MI.	Representative Member
Derby Lewis, Abigail	02/11/2016	01/31/2019	Tier 2, Conservation Ecologist, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL	Representative Member
McKinley, Galen	02/11/2016	01/31/2019	Tier 2, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Swackhamer, Deborah	02/11/2016	01/31/2019	Tier 2, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Twiss, Michael	02/11/2016	01/31/2019	Tier 2, Professor, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

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protection and restoration; annual priorities to protect and restore the Great Lakes that may be used to help inform budget decisions; and issues addressed by the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force. FY 2017 Accomplishments: The GLAB and the SIS held 4 public meetings to discuss issues regarding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

In FY 18, the GLAB was inactive due to the departure of the DFO, and is undergoing re-establishment of the Charter.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Great Lakes Advisory Board has issued 101 recommendations since its establishment. The GLAB continued to provide recommendations on GLRI issues in FY 2017.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The percentage of recommendations fully implemented is approximately 100%.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The percentage of recommendations partially implemented is 0%. All recommendations were accepted and are being implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Agency provided feedback in writing and/or through discussions at committee meetings in FY 17.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Access to committee information is provided through all of the selected methods.